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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Commission on Judicial Nomination currently has two vacancies, the most recent created when former Commissioner Edward F. Cox resigned after being sworn in as Chair of the New York State Republican Party. Pursuant to New York Judiciary Law, Section 62(1), no member of the Commission on Judicial Nomination "shall hold any office in any political party."

The other vacancy occurred upon the resignation of Frederick K. Brewington in May of 2009.

The successor to Mr. Cox will complete a term ending March 31, 2013 and is to be selected by Brian M. Kolb, Minority Leader of the Assembly. The successor to Mr. Brewington will complete a term ending March 31, 2010, and is to be selected by Governor David A. Paterson.

The Commission encourages Minority Leader Kolb and Governor Paterson to consider appointing highly qualified individuals from a variety of backgrounds.

Similarly, the Commission encourages bar associations, civic groups, and other interested parties to consider recommending highly qualified individuals to Minority Leader Kolb and Governor Paterson.